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This will be short and to the point (as I really don't have the time to get into the specifics which I am sure a multitude of people already have.) I am a programmer for a company that uses Microsoft Windows, Apple's Max OS X and Linux. As developers we feel directly the pressure that Microsoft exerts on our industry to program for the Windows platform leaving us less resources to truly make great products, especially for the other platforms mentioned above. They have the power to select who is competitive in the industry by including them in their operating system (i.e. Kodak.) It is my belief and the belief of others that I have talked to that not only is Microsoft undermining the ability for other companies to compete with them but, more importantly, they are stifling the creativity and progress of the entire industry.

Now to the proposed settlement. After looking at it I could probably write pages upon pages of comments on the act but I think that the following web page illustrates the problems with the act.

www.kegel.com/remedy/letter.html

In conclusion, I appreciate the fact that this has been opened up to the public for comment and I hope that you at the DoJ can filter out the comments motivated from Corporate Sponsors from both Microsoft and Sun. I thank you for your time.

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